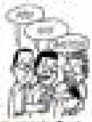
British student finds Metro Manila a city of extremes

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Porn-to-go: Portable sex is big business in iPod era



Rape case vs GIs 'strong'

Lawyer says US soldiers made victim drink 7 glasses of vodka



THE FILIPINO WOMAN allegedly raped by US Marines on the night of Nov. 1 at the Subic Bay Freeport has a "strong case" against her attackers, according to a lawyer who led the legal team that first assisted her.

From Payatas to Assumption, girl finds path to bright future

Top Abu leader with P5-M bounty falls; GMA elated



Rx from Herr(b) doctor: Back to your roots



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Dawud Santos: I'm no terrorist

A MUSLIM CONVERT ACCUSED BY THE MILItary of planning bomb attacks in Metro Manila denied yesterday he was a terrorist or had jumped bail, and declared he was ready to face new charges of rebellion filed by the government recently to ensure he remained in jail.

Noli on Julius Babao: I'd do the same

Cory receives Rockefeller Award

Palace 'iffy' on legislated wage hike

Enrile won't 'bequeath' forests of W Samar

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Sunday SPORTS

Tigers dump Barako

By June Navarro

RAFI REAVIS PERKED UP COCA-Cola's frontline and its campaign as the Tigers celebrated his return with an 82-64 thumping of the Red Bull Barako last night in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference at the Leyte National High School gym in Tacloban City.

Reavis banged in 12 points and plucked down seven rebounds in his first game after being suspended at the start of the season but these figures hardly reflected the impact he created for the Tigers' breakthrough win.

> GAMES TODAY
> (Araneta Coliseum)
> 4:10 p.m.—Ginebra vs Air21
> 6:40 p.m.—TNT vs Alaska

With the 6-foot-8 forward manning the paint, the Tigers were again menacing at the low blocks as they effectively slowed the high-scoring Quemont Greer throughout the one-sided contest. Greer had 16 points but made just seven out of 23 shots and missed five of his seven free throws.

The Tigers thus halted a four-game slide and notched their second win in seven games while sending the Barako to their fourth defeat in eight games.

For failing to present documents required for foreign-born players, Reavis was suspended before the season started. He was reinstated when the board of governors passed an amnesty measure that superseded its earlier ruling.

The win erased the stigma of the Tigers on the road. They lost six of their seven road games last season after going 4-0 in 2003. In their worst start ever in franchise history, the Tigers are now hoping to change their misfortunes with the expected return of Rudy Hatfield in the coming games.

The scores:

COCA-COLA 82—Thomas 24, Reavis 12, Arago 11, Peek 10, Antonio 10, Manuel 8, Alvarteros 5, Ramos 2, Singson 2.

RED BULL 64—Greer 16, Valenzuela 14, Penetal 8, Tugade 7, Fonacier 7, Najorda 6, Villanueva 4, Robinson 2.

Quarters: 20-22, 44-34, 58-47, 82-64

Magnolia, G. Goose trim foes

By Jasmine W. Payo

MAGNOLIA ICE CREAM, STARRING KELLY Williams and Arwind Santos, overwhelmed Rain or Shine in the final period for a 74-57 triumph yesterday that gave the Wizards the early lead in the PBL Heroes Cup eliminations at the JCSGO Gym.

Williams led the Wizards with 14 points and 16 rebounds and Santos backed him up with a double-double of his own—13 markers and 10 boards—as Magnolia streaked to its second straight win.

Jeff Bombeo also made quite an impact, pumping in 12 points, including key baskets in the Wizards' pivotal run that started late in the third and spilled all the way into the final canto.

"My players showed perseverance even when threatened early in the third quarter," said Magnolia coach Koy Banal."

Earlier, Granny Goose leaned on the clutch plays of veteran guard Toti Almeda for a 62-54 win over Toyota Otis-Letran.

The Tortillos yielded a 20-point lead, 45-25, late in the third period, before Almeda scored 10 of his team's final 12 points to secure their first victory in two games.

The win was also a fitting sendoff for coach Jun Tan, who called the shots for Granny Goose for the last time as former national mentor Joe Lipa is set to take over on Thursday.

"I told the players to just give me this win and it's good they responded," said Tan, who will now focus on his business in his hometown Cebu.

Before Almeda's heroics in the closing minutes, Jett Latonio and burly center JR Quiñahan combined to give Granny Goose that huge lead. Both finished with 15 points like Almeda.

Rain or Shine dropped into a tie with Granny Goose at 1-1 while Toyota Otis took its second straight loss. Harbour Center is the only other unbeaten team after Magnolia at 1-0.

With Santos fueling a late third-quarter run, the Wizards raced to a 57-49 lead to end the period.

Williams and Bombeo then teamed up, scoring Magnolia's first nine points for a 66-54 edge heading into the final 4:50.

The scores:

First Game

GRANNY GOOSE 62—Almeda 15, Quiñahan 15, Latonio 15, Ferrer 4, Lanete 3, Alfad 2, David 2, Ibanes 2, Santos 2, Pritchelas 2, Cruz 0, Concha 0, Grijaldo 0, Cervantes 0, Gavino 0.

TOYOTA OTIS 54—Devance 17, Bautista 8, Aban 8, Capati 6, Lanong 5, Baa 4, Alcaraz 3, Omta 2, Aldave 2, Tagupa 2, Rodriguez 0, Andaya 0.

Quarters: 13-9, 32-20, 45-31, 62-54

Second Game

MAGNOLIA 74—Williams 14, Santos 13, Bombeo 12, Miraflor 8, Ricafo 6, Jones 6, Angeles 5, Chan 5, Isip 3, Valenzuela 2, Co 2, Te 0.

RAIN OR SHINE 57—Tengkay 27, Maldonado 8, Ortiguerra 6, Cabiltes 5, Reyes 4, Aljamal 3, Tan 0, Dorile 0, Guevarra 0, Orbeta 0, Allado 0.

Quarters: 17-13, 33-32, 57-49, 74-57

Rosales fires 68, takes 5th

RAYONG, THAILAND—GERALD ROSALES took over as Philippine spearhead in the $300,000 Double A International Open, firing a 5-under-par 68 to move within four strokes of India's Shiv Kapur after three rounds Saturday.

The brother of LPGA regular Jennifer Rosales, who carded earlier rounds of 72-70, had a 9-under 210 aggregate to share fifth spot with three others.

Angelo Que, the top RP scorer in the first two rounds, stumbled with a 75 and found himself in the company of compatriot Cookie Lefi, who rallied with a 70 for a 5-under 214 total.

Jerome Delariarte, the fourth Filipino to make the 36-hole cut, was way behind at 222 after a 75.

Kapur cooled down with a 72 at the par-73 St. Andrews Hill (2000) Golf Club and saw his 3-stroke overnight lead cut to one with a 206 total.

Last season's Asian Tour number one Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand sizzled with a 69 to grab second place at 207. Thailand's Thammanoon Sriroj (72) and Simon Yates of Scotland (71) stood at 209.

QC, Centro post sweep

By Mosang R. Castillo

Sportswatch

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JVC badminton list

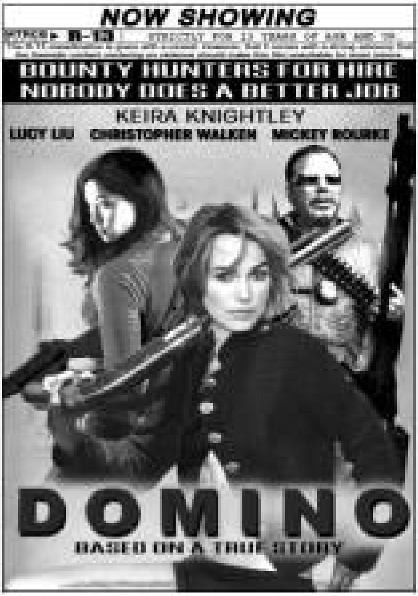
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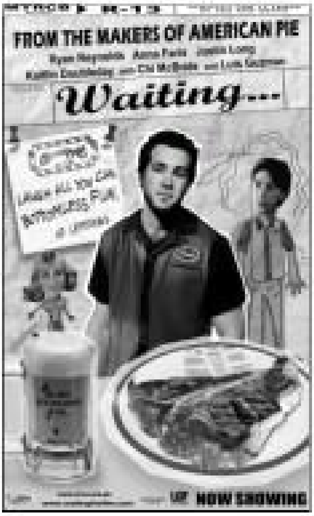
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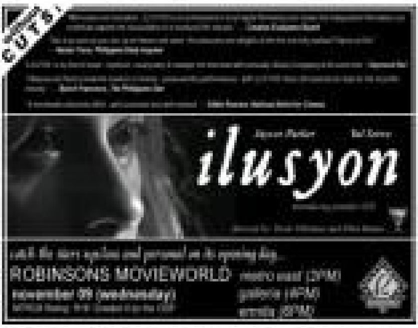
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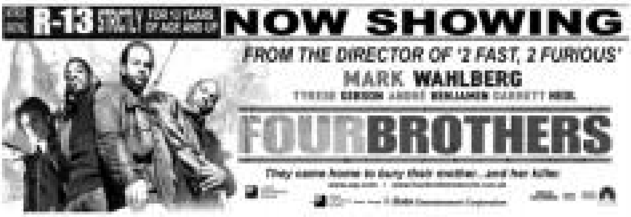














Rx from Herr(b) doctor: Back to your roots

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... and that was the breakthrough."

A year or two later, he came down with kidney stones because he found it difficult to drink the required amount of water despite the heat.

"There is no real treatment option for this problem in pharmaceutical medicine. Again it was a botanical that did the trick for me: *sambong*, aka *blumea balsamifera*," he says.

Another, *cocos nucifera*, the juice of the young coconut (*buko*), "helped me greatly to balance my electrolytes and to prevent those painful kidney stone attacks."

The more Rummel learned about the secrets of plants, the more he became convinced of his mission "to influence people to go back to our roots—our botanical roots" and thus liberate consumers from a dependence on high-priced chemical drugs with no safety guarantee.

Herbal authority

Rummel, 61, has finally found his niche in Philippine botanicals to become the herbal authority sought by local medical professionals, the government and an emerging nutraceutical industry.

Many cosmetics companies launched their products after his seminars and lectures when he was a consultant of the natural products division of Citem (Center for International Trade, Exhibitions and Missions) under the Department of Trade and Industry.

In underscoring Rummel's contribution to local herbal medicine practice, then Health Undersecretary Dr. Jaime Tan was reported to have referred to him as an "honorary Filipino."

Today, consumers benefit from some 80 health and personal care products that he has nurtured to fruition.

Formulations

Consumers may be familiar with "Ampalaya Plus," a natural supplement in tablets for diabetics, which Rummel made from the Charantia plant "without the seeds, which can be toxic."

He attests to almost 100 studies that have demonstrated the blood-sugar-lowering effect of this bitter fruit.

In another formulation called "Liveright," which local health practitioners prescribe for the treatment of fatty liver (caused by fatty food and alcohol intake), Rummel found a better substitute to milk thistle (aka *silymarin*) in the Tagalog *sinta* plant, and added *takip kuhol* and *luyang dilaw*.

He has also tapped the *sinta*, which he found to be the only immune modifier with an effect on the common cold, adding Vitamin C and zinc to formulate an herbal supplement called "BoDefense."

He recently formulated "Memory" syrup and tablets from the Tagalog *ulasimang aso* (*bacopa monniera*), a succulent herb used in ancient Ayurvedic medicine to enhance the memory and intellect, adding *takip kuhol* (gotu kola), green tea, *ampalayang-gubat* (leaf ginseng) and soy lecithin.

Awarded first prize as best product for brain nourishment last December by the Consumer Association of the Philippines, the herbal medicine's formulator is a walking testimonial to its efficacy as he credits the phytonutrients with helping him finish his books on time.

Poison or medicine

Drawing from his long experience in phytotherapy, Rummel allays the fear of Filipino medical professionals that plants may be toxic because most have not been tested on humans by quoting the 16th-century Swiss doctor Paracelsus: "It's the dosage that makes a plant a poison or a medicine."

He says the appropriate way would be "to find out at what dosage toxicity will occur in animal tests" because most medicinal plants have withstood the test of time, having been used on humans and animals for hundreds, occasionally even thousands, of years.

His studies are focused on "what the plant does best, based on the large number of active constituents present."

Dosage is important in dispensing herbal medicine. Rummel is currently burning the midnight oil writing his next two volumes of "Primary Health Care," which he says will include the prescribed dosage that both laymen and health professionals can use.

Way of life

After sorting through 250 useful plants, Herr Doctor Rummel says he is not yet done. "We should exploit more natural products, which in the future will show the cure for many illnesses."

His prescription: Nature should be viewed not as a quick fix but as a way of life. It works best in preventive care. Science only steps in where nature fails—repairing wounds, saving lives in crisis.

Top Abu leader ...

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THE SLIPPERY Radulan Sahiron: 21 kidnap-for-ransom cases

Sabaya, was killed three years ago in an operation that reportedly used US tracking devices and relied on live video from a US spy plane overhead.

Last year, three detained Abu Sayyaf leaders, including Galib Andang (Commander Robot), Alhamsar Manatad Limbong (Kosovo) and Nadzmi Sabdullah (Global), were killed in a police assault on a jail in Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan, Taguig City, which they had taken over.

$5M reward

Sahiron is linked to 21 kidnap-for-ransom cases, including the April 2000 abduction of 21 Western tourists and Asian workers from the Sipadan resort in neighboring Malaysia.

On the US defense department list of wanted terrorists, Sahiron and Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khaddafy Janjalani are among five leaders wanted for the kidnapping and killings of American hostages Martin Burnham and Guillermo Sobero.

The US government had offered a $5 million reward for information leading to their arrest and conviction, and had placed the Abu Sayyaf on its list of terrorist organizations.

As an outlaw, Sahiron rode a horse through the dense mountain jungle and enjoyed a reputation as some kind of Robin Hood among local residents of Jolo, an island known as a hotbed of Muslim separatist insurgency.

Local people would talk about how he helped the poor and of how he eluded US-backed troops sent to capture him.

Until his downfall yesterday, Sahiron and other Abu Sayyaf leaders linked by Washington to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network had remained free by using the familiar terrain of Jolo to quickly blend into or slip away from with the support of sympathizers.

"He's really slippery," Gen. Agustin Demaala once said of Sahiron, who is in his sixties. "But there will come a time when he'll commit a mistake, and I'm waiting for that time." *With a report from Luige del Puerto and AP*

Rape case vs GIs 'strong'

By force

Like a pig

Cheering him on

'No resistance'

Justice will prevail, GMA assures public

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

Shield

'Sexual terrorism'

Seating arrangement

Jurisdiction

British student finds …

'Let's have a drink'

Zest for life

Hope in dark world

Only the surface

Porn-to-go: Portable sex …

Voyeur cams

Sin City

They're coming

Easier access by minors

From Payatas to Assumption, girl finds path to bright future

Pinoy firm offers grants to nurses

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Benefit ball for museum

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Holidays said to reap P300M

The WORLD

Anti-Bush rally at summit turns violent

MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA—US PRESIDENT George W. Bush braced Saturday for the second day of the 34-nation Summit of the Americas here, buffeted by anti-US protests and dogged resistance to his bid for pan-American free trade.

WorldBriefs

Paris unrest spreads

Bird flu death in Indonesia

Longest silence for Osama

JPII beatification hearing



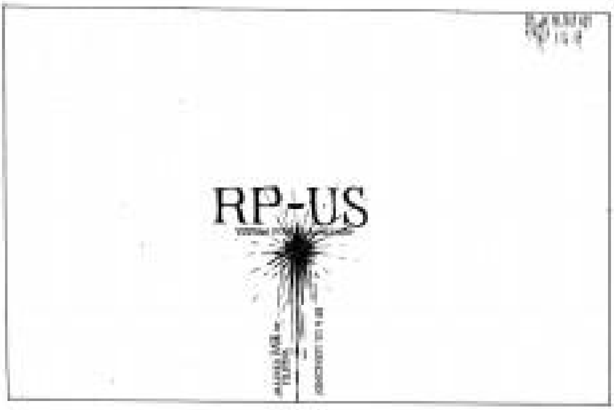
POPE John Paul II

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Overcoming a heritage of mimicry

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Randy David

TALK of the TOWN

A lost generation across Asia's war zones (2)

IN MANY PARTS OF ASIA, CONFLICT AND WARFARE HAVE TAKEN THE LIVES of many—young and old, rich and poor. And children. Victims without a voice, they are being forced to grow up quickly. Children continue to be exploited, whether through voluntary or forced recruitment, for causes they may not comprehend.

Certain Asian countries are losing an entire generation. There are some 250,000 child soldiers worldwide, according to the United Nations Human Development Report for 2005.

Poverty drives many children into the ranks of armed groups. In many countries, rebel groups have recruited youth from the poorest backgrounds by offering them or their families cash or food.

The Asia News Network (ANN), a group of 12 national English language dailies in Asia, looks at this lost generation in this special series.

ANN was organized in 1999 to provide avenues for cooperation and to optimize coverage of major events in the region.

Its members are The Daily Star - Bangladesh; China Daily - China; The Statesman - India; The Jakarta Post - Indonesia; Daily Yomiuri and Yomiuri Shimbun - Japan; Sin Chew Daily - Malaysia; The Star - Malaysia; and Philippine Daily Inquirer - the Philippines.

The Straits Times - Singapore; The Korea Herald - South Korea; The Island - Sri Lanka; The Nation - Thailand; and Vietnam News - Vietnam.

Brothers, schoolmates go missing



AN LTTE child soldier in the custody of the Sri Lankan army, with injuries sustained during a battle between government forces and the LTTE.

Tsunami debris

Tamil Tigers

Sudesh's tale

Splinter group

Arun's travails

Unicef

Transit homes closed

Even children charged with treason in Aceh



HUNDREDS of refugees seek shelter in Bireuen, North Aceh because of the conflict between Free Aceh Movement (GAM) and a government military unit. Many are still waiting to go home.

Disarmament

Light sanctions

Reintegration

Goodwill

INQUIRER Mindanao

Living dangerously in Diwata



By Dennis Jay Santos
Mt. Diwata, Compostela Valley

IN THE GOLD-RUSH area in Compostela Valley's Mount Diwata, death lurks everywhere.

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Dynamite ban

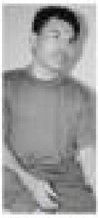
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Wild, wild west

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Survival

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FAMILY REUNION
The family of the late senator Raul Roco gathers at his grave on the eve of All Souls' Day to honor him.

MILF heeds Malaysian request, leaves camp

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—MEMBERS OF THE MORO ISLAMIC Liberation Front (MILF) voluntarily demolished structures and foxholes in their newly-established camp in Tupi, South Cotabato in compliance with the order of the Malaysian-led International Monitoring Team (IMT).



Pampanga city won't talk trash on waste



Palaweños reject region transfer

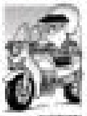
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MetroBriefs

Half-way home for seniors

Bike cops to fight crime



'Hot meat' task force

SSS draw Nov. 14

Coffee drinkers learn a new language



Medical mission to treat Manilans

By Tina G. Santos

Arrest warrant for Jaylo?

By Tina G. Santos

Police collar suspected car side mirror thief

By Nancy C. Carvajal

Anton joins Taipei meet

Mental lapse pulls Sy to 4th in grid



Philtobo races up



Sunday Biz

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Key to success in advertising is a natural curiosity



SHE WAS among the first batch of female students at the Ateneo.

DENTSU president Nonna Nanagas' calling card is pink. Dentsu employees have 100 colors to choose from the agency's spectrum.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

STRESS IS A GIVEN IN HER industry, but since she has been living with it for 30 years, it no longer bugs her.

She is so used to it that she already knows the answers to situations that would normally cause a new hire extreme anxiety.

"Besides, stress will not add to anything," says Nonna F. Nanagas, the feisty head of Dentsu Philippines.

Dentsu is one of the largest advertising agencies in the world with its main business in Japan.

First Job

Its clients in the Philippines include Japanese firms Toyota Motors Phils. Corp., Ajinomoto Phils. Inc., Canon Marketing Philippines, also Bank of the Philippine Islands, Coca Cola Export (Wilkins/Viva/Safety First), Unilab.

Nonna's childhood prepared her well for her chosen career, and there must have been something in the young girl in the '70s, as it prompted two top officials of two advertising agencies to look her up after she graduated.



FRESH out of high school

She was the recipient when she was being interviewed for a scholarship offered by the Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana). She got the scholarship.

Those who interviewed her included Antonio de Joya, the first Filipino to set up a Filipino ad agency—the Advertising and Marketing Associates—and Tony Catagay of Philippine Advertising Counselors.

Come graduation, she opted to work for AMA "for no other reason than the fact that Sta. Mesa (where AMA's office was) was closer to Malabon, where I lived."

From 1976 to 1979 she worked as a copywriter, where she got paid P600 a month.

"My first pay check was P600 and it was in the form of bills withdrawn from the ATM in 1976. I know I gave part of it to my mom and I am sure I spent some of it on a nice meal," recalls Nonna.

Nonna loves to eat and her love of food she got from her father, a lawyer.

"He taught me how to cook and how to go to the market," says the only child.

But Nonna says how times have changed. "When I was in high school, I would go to the market with P50. That was enough to fill two shopping utensils. Today P50 will hardly get you anything."

The only child of a lawyer and a teacher, Nonna developed a passion for reading and devoured everything in the house. After finishing high school at St. James Academy, a school then run by Maryknoll nuns, she wanted to go to UP. But it was the time of the First Quarter Storm and there was no way her parents would allow her to go to the most radical place for students at the time.

So it was straight to Maryknoll College for the news-seeking Nonna. Two years later, however, she moved to Ateneo de Manila University, to join the first batch of girls in what used to be an all-boys school.

She finished Communication Arts and met her future husband.

Her passion for learning continued even

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AS CREATIVE director at Image Dynamics

Key to success

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Pink world in a box



NELLY GEE

Small ventures get shot at online marketing



LIZA DE LOS REYES

Pickled goods bring fresh hope ...

Sunday BIZ

Pickled goods bring fresh hope to sleeping town

CALACA, BATANGAS—THIS TOWN IS WAKING up to an appetizing new economic potential. What used to be the appetizer on every breakfast, lunch and dinner table in this town is now the future income source of many achara (pickle) makers and could possibly change the way people view Calaca.

"In the past, when people from Manila asked us where Calaca, Batangas was, we used to have two descriptions. First, it's the town between Balayan and Lemery, and second, it's where you will find the Napocor's coal-fired power plant," Manuel Diaz said. "But now we want the people to know that Calaca is the home of the best achara in the country."

Manuel is the brother of Calaca Mayor Nas Diaz and sits as one of the officers of the first Calaca achara festival committee.

He said the celebration last Oct. 20-22 was just the start of the town's drive to boost the town's economic potential as the Achara Capital of the Philippines.

"Our achara makers have already organized and the local government has already extended assistance in the packaging of the product," Manuel said. "The plan is to make our achara go places, and be proud that it came from Calaca. This will help the achara makers earn more, and boost the production of the product."

Be it pickled papaya, ampalaya, labong (bamboo shoots), ubod (coconut core) and

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Sunday LifeStyle

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso



A-POWER opera: Inno Sotto wraps up 2001's fashion calendar with a collection inspired by six popular operas, to be shown at a fundraiser on Dec. 5. At right, one of his sketches for the show.

Fashion aria in Sotto voce

By Cheche V. Moral

THIS SHOULD PUT WAG-ging tongues to rest: No, Inno Sotto hasn't closed shop. In fact, he is showing a new collection before the year ends.

For the first time since his business partner and longtime companion Richard Tann died, Inno is set to make himself more visible in Manila society again as he stages "Beloved," his fashion gala, on Dec. 5 at the Makati Shangri-La Ballroom for the benefit of the [illegible] and Gift of Life.

Sotto's [illegible]-piece collection will be preceded by performances from fine talents of the Metropolitan Opera of New York singing arias from "Aida," "Rigoletto," "La Traviata," "Carmen," "Madame Butterfly"



SOTTO'S one beloved, the late Richard Tann. "He brought to life what I created," he said of Tann. "I draw something and he thought of the music."

and "La Boheme." As such, Sotto's clothes will be found on the operas—"Theatrical, a bit out of the ordinary, but more suggestive than costume," as he described them.

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Wearing his grief on his sleeve, Inno Sotto mounts a fashion gala titled 'Beloved'

Fashion aria in Sotto voce

Detachment

Resolute



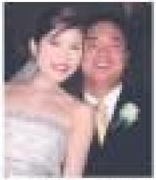
International bazaar Nov. 13 and 20

THE ZONTA MANILA I and AIBSA International Bazaar will be held 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 13 and 20, at the Grand Ballroom, San Lorenzo, Forbes and Dasmariñas rooms, Hotel InterContinental, Ayala Avenue, Makati City.





DANCERS actresses Georgia [illegible] and Maryanne [illegible]



SWEET newly-weds Emily and Dan Wong



SEN. Ed and Gloria Angara and Japanese Ambassador Ryuichiro Yamazaki



NEWLYWED couple [illegible] [illegible]



[illegible] Hwang, [illegible] Enriquez and Philippe Lacoste

Music makes the world go round



TAYLOR [illegible] Wynn Wynn Ong and Margarita Fores



STYLISH set at the Tatler ball: Tim Yap, [illegible] Gutierrez, [illegible] and [illegible]

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The band started playing in sync with the fireworks show by [illegible] (call Joey at [illegible]). The fireworks were a surprise gift and were a marvelous sight from the [illegible] of the [illegible] Clubhouse.

Music and sound play even a bigger role in visually impaired children. On Nov. 11 and 12, the [illegible] Congress, Hope for a Brighter Future, will be held at Palm Plaza [illegible]. This two-day seminar is for parents, educators, NGOs and others to assess and help improve the education of children who cannot see. For more details, e-mail [illegible] or call [illegible].

Next weekend is also the [illegible] Assumption badminton tournament. This is the final fundraiser of Assumption [illegible] for our school, so we will make sure all participants will have generous loot bags and winners will go home with Adidas sportswear and [illegible].

Our major sponsors are [illegible], Adidas, [illegible] and [illegible]. For those interested, please pick up registration forms from Assumption [illegible] in Milky Way and [illegible].

Powerful dancer

With badminton back in my system, I am also starting belly dancing and flamenco workouts. I was totally inspired after watching Sara Baras, Spain's famous flamenco dancer. As part of the Spanish festival, she performed powerful dances with her company of eight dancers and seven musicians.

The [illegible] Grey School of Dance will have its annual recital with so much enthusiasm on Jan. 22, 2006. The [illegible] show in the [illegible] Auditorium will be spectacular, with gorgeous ladies and passionate dancers. I will be one of the plumper dancers, hiding in the back. There is nothing like a bit of confidence, even with a few extra pounds.

E-mail [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph



FELICITY owners [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible]



Pretty sisters Emily Sy Wong and [illegible] Sy Ng



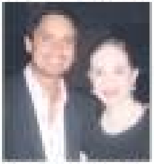
HAPPY dad [illegible] with daughter [illegible]



WONDERFUL friends George Wong, [illegible] and [illegible]



SPAIN'S top flamenco dancer Sara Baras



SHOW biz royal couple Richard and Lucy Gomez



TEAM [illegible] owner [illegible] and [illegible]



FLAMENCO lovers Ginajane Grey, me, Cookie Guerrero, Stella Aguila, Ann Hofer and Marian Zapanta

Music makes the world go round

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MUSIC MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE in any ceremony. It can magically transform a dull and dreary party into a more lively and festive one, whether it's soft mood music or a full-blown orchestra playing. Unfortunately, music funding is usually one of the first things to suffer in an economic crisis.

It was heartening to note that the Lacoste 12.12 project, a unique, fundraising art auction, chose the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra as its beneficiary. Stores Specialists' president, the glamorous and generous Nedy Tantoco, told me that the PPO is in dire need of new musical instruments, especially its bass section.

Several renowned artists and personalities were invited to create one-of-a-kind *objet d'art* out of the Lacoste 12.12 polo shirt—truly a classic shirt of which almost everyone has at least one.

The country's leading artists, like **Arturo Luz**, **Impy Pilapil** and architect **Lor Calma**, garnered the top bids with their customized T-shirts transformed into paintings, a stuffed toy and a chair, respectively.

For my Lacoste, I took a beautiful, custom-made **Happy David** necklace and combined it with the shirt to "Tessa-fy" the plain white polo. **Anton Huang**'s wife, **Nina**, won my bejeweled and feathery creation. I was amazed several people bid for my piece. It is great to have friends!

For a memorable musical night, catch the Nov. 19 concert of **Teri DeSario** and **Joe Pizzulo**, two of the musical legends of the '70s. The Araneta Coliseum will surely be packed with people from my generation who grew up with their songs. The concert, entitled "Back 2 Basics," will also feature local artists like **Luke Mejares**, Passage Band and **Nina**.

There has been a revival of sorts lately, with artists from the past like the Cascades or Beach Boys from my parents' time and now these two artists from my teen years coming over to entertain us. Twenty years from now, I can only imagine the concerts of Beyonce or J-Lo. Even Madonna might finally perform here, perhaps on her Grandma World Tour.

Elegant wedding

Music defines the ambience of an event, so couples must carefully choose the band or performers at their wedding.

At the recent, elegant wedding party at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel of **Chot** and **Emily Wong**, the classic **Bernie Pasamba** strings provided the dinner music. **Joshua Tiu** and **Gerard Sison** also serenaded the couple's guests while the newlyweds did the traditional table-hopping for photos. Top wedding photographer **Pat Dy** got everyone to look good by asking them to pose "with a little more love."

Pat was also chief photographer at my youngest brother **Paolo Prieto**'s wedding to pretty **Ria Francisco**. Upbeat mood music was provided by Time and A Half, as Paolo and Ria, an outgoing pair, opted for dancing music after the dinner and speeches.



FUTURE dancer Athena Valdes with sexy Ginajane Grey



GENEROUS Gina Lopez and Citibank CEO James Hunt



LACOSTE artist Tom Zita between Gigi Mabanta and Joy Wassmer